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In re Patent Application of

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Application No.: 09/810,489

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Title: EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT  
APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT  
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND  
EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT METHOD

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
TRANSMITTAL LETTER****MAIL STOP RCE**

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Date: October 19, 2006

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Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and  
enclose the ☐ 395 ☒ 790 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

1. ☐ A. Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final  
amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested  
based on the enclosed documents identified in item 2 below.
- ☒ B. Applicant(s) previously submitted the following documents for which  
continued examination is requested:
- ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously  
filed on August 16, 2006.
- ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. The following documents are enclosed with this submission:

- ☒ Preliminary Amendment.
- ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.

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☒ A Petition for Extension of Time.☐ Other:3. ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.☒ No additional claim fee is required.☒ The fee is calculated below on the basis of the highest number of claims already paid for in this application prior to this submission:

					FEES
Examination Fee (1801)					\$ 790
	No. of Claims		Extra Claims	Rate	
Total Claims	14	Minus 20=	0	x 50 (1202)	\$ 0
Independent Claims	7	Minus 7=	0	x 200 (1201)	\$ 0
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$ 360					\$ 0
<b>Total Fee</b>					<b>\$ 790</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					\$ 0
<b>TOTAL FEE DUE</b>					<b>\$ 790</b>

4. ☐ Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. **02-4800** for the fee due.5. ☐ A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the fee due.6. ☒ Charge \$ 1,240 to credit card for the fee due. Form PTO-2038 is attached.7. ☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

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8. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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